SOZ) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A 'Special Strike Force' is proposed to be set up during IX Plan in each of the tiger reserve areas for providing necessary man-power and equipment to combat the problem of tiger poaching and other illegal activities.

(c) A number of states do have staff welfare schemes including the scheme for providing 'Project Allowance' to the staff working in the tiger reserves. Other states have also been advised by the Government of India to initiate and implement such welfare schemes on priority.

Environmental Clearance

541. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have given green rating to industries so that foreign investors can associate and provide clean technologies with a proven environment friendly track record;

(b) if so, whether the Government have also sought clean technologies for the control of air pollution;

(c) whether the clearance period for new industrial units has been reduced and project upto Rs. 500 million need not Central clearance; and

(d) The extent to which the Environment Ministry made amendment for quick disposal of the cases requiring environmental clearances ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) and (b) While there is no formal system of giving a gress rating the Government of India has been emphasising that industry should adopt cleaner technologies to reduce pollution. Following measures have also been taken up which, would, inter-alia induce investors to provide cleaner technologies.

- Stipulation of norms for Air and Water Pollution Control.
- Framing Rules for Management of Hazardous Wastes.
- Scheme of Eco Mark.
- Scheme for Common Effluent Treatment Plants.
- Schemes for setting up of Waste Minimization Circles.
- Internalisation of Cleaner Technologies in the indsutrial projects through EIA Mechanism.

(c) and (d) The EIA Notification of 27th January, 1994 stipulates that the assessment shall be complated within a period of ninety days from the receipt of the requisite documents and data from the project authorities and a decision conveyed within thirty days thereafter. The Ministry is regularly monitoring progress in processing applications for environmental clearances.

[Translation]

Custodial Deaths

542. SHRI LALIT ORAON : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the then Chairman, National Human Rights Commission has observed that the Police is the major violator of the human rights and no action is being taken against them;

(b) if so, the number of cases of the police excesses which came to the notice of the Government during the last three years;

(c) whether the Human Rights Commission has shown concern on the increasing number of custodial deaths; and

(d) if so, the action of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) The then Chairperson, National Human Rights Commission, while addressing Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Lions Club International in May, 1996 had stated that the biggest culprit in violation of the human rights is the Police.

(b) As per the record of the National Human Rights Commission the number of complaints of police excesses that have been received during the last three years are as follows :-

1993-94	62
1994-95	635
1995-96	1291

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Government of India have issued guidelines to the State Governments from time to time to ensure that police behave in human manner and that cases of alleged custodial deaths and police excesses are enquired into and dealt with firmly wherever they occur. Special emphasis is being given on human rights matters in the training curriculla of the police personnel at all levels. The 'induction' and 'in service' training programmes also include special inputs to sensitise police about using scientific methods for investigation.

[English]

Families below Poverty Line

543. SHRI AJIT KUMAR MEHTA :
SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV :

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are sharp differences between the Government and the State Government over the determination of the familiies living below the powerty line for the eligibility purpose for availing the benefits of the targeted revised PDS scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to resolve the differences to extend the benefits of the TRPDS scheme to the persons living below the poverty line ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

SPG Security

544. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the lady VVIPs enjoying SPG protection will continue to get such protection even after marriage;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps propose to be taken to stop avoidable expenditure involved in such unnecessary coverage/ protection ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c) As per provisions of the SPG Act, as amended, SPG is responsible for providing 'proximate security' to the Prime Minister and the members of his immediate family as also the former Prime Ministers and members of their immediate families for a period of 10 years from the date of demission of their offices. The immediate family members include wife, husband, children and parents. Therefore the lady VIPs enjoying SPG protection will continue to get such protechtion even after marriage. There is no proposal to make any amendment in the SPG Act at present.

Fertilizer Pricing Policy

545. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :
SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have constituted a high-powered Fertilizer Pricing Policy Review Committee to find an alternative mechanism to the existing Retention Pricing Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) ther terms of reference of the Committee;

(d) whether the recommendations relating to fertilizer pricing made by the Joint Parliamentary Committee are also to be reviewed by the said Committee.

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the time by which the Committee is likely to submit its report ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) Yes, Sir. A High Power Fertilizer Pricing Policy Review Committee has been constituted on 28.1.97 to review the existing system of subsidization of urea and suggest a rational, broad based, scientific and transparent methodology.

(b) and (c) The composition and terms of reference of the Committee are as follwos :

COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE

1.	Prof. C.H. Hanumantha Rao, Former Member, Planning Commission	Chairman
2.	Prof. G.S. Bhalla,	
3.	Sh. P.B. Krishnaswamy Former Secretary, D/o Fertilizers	Member
4.	Chairman, Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP) (ex-officio)	Member
5.	Sh. O.N. Kapur Chairman-cum-Managing Director Project and Development India Ltd. (PDIL)	Member
6.	Smt. Kanta Ahuja Economist, Jaipur	Member
7.	Executive Director Fertilizer industry Coordination Committee (FICC) (Ex-officio Secretary)	

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE

(i) To review the working of the Retention Price Scheme (RPS) for fertilizers and to make suggestions for correcting the deficiencies of the system, keeping in view the broad objectives of economic reform.

(ii) To review the adequacy or otherwise of incentives to the industry. Issues relating to reasonableness of return on networth, norms of capacity utilization, depreciation etc.

(iii) To suggest appropriate capital norms and debt equity ratio in respect of new fertilizer projects.

(iv) To review the input pricing policy and its impact on the RPS.